

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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NOW WHAT? Back to the Basics

DOCTRINE – Part 2

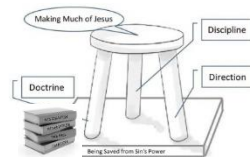
TEN TRUTHS ABOUT CREATION THAT ARE “NOT-FOR-SALE” – PART 2

Revelation 4:11 (ESV):

¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

- #1. There is only one Source of infallible evidence for Creation; and it can only be received by faith.
- #2. The Triune God created the Universe by His Word from previously non-existent material.
- #3. The instrumental cause of Creation was the Word of God.
- #4. God’s initial created universe was “good”.
- #5. Everything was created for Christ.

Now What?



FIVE More of TEN TRUTHS ABOUT CREATION

6. **God sustains and cares for all He has made.** ([Hebrews 1:3](#), Also: [Colossians 1:17](#); & [Acts 17:28](#))

Explanation

God presides over:

- A. Things we think of as natural occurrences, e.g., the weather. ([Psalm 148:8](#); [135:7](#); [cf. 104:4, 14](#));
- B. The animal kingdom. ([Psalm 104:27–29](#); [cf. Job 38:39–41](#));
- C. Seemingly chance occurrences like the toss of coin. ([Proverbs 16:33](#));
- D. The affairs and issues of nations. ([Psalm 22:28](#), [Acts 17:26](#), [Dan. 4:34–35](#));
- E. All aspects of our human lives. ([Psalm 139:16](#), [Job 14:5](#), [Acts 17:28](#)); and

- F. Even all evil. ([Genesis 50:2](#), e.g. [Job 1:12](#) (The life of Jonah is an amazing illustration of God's providence in human activity.)).

Contemporary Application

[Romans 8:28](#)

7. **God created humans with distinct dignity and equality.** [Psalm 8:5–6](#)

[Genesis 2:7, 22](#)

Explanation

[Genesis 1:26, 9:6](#)

Contemporary Application

To put this figure in another perspective, since my oldest daughter was born, 3 million babies have been aborted in Canada.

8. **God created humans with purpose and duty.** [Genesis 1:28](#)

Explanation

The cultural mandate provides a clear obligation of Christians to live actively in society and work for the transformation of the world and its cultures.

Contemporary Application

Nancy Pearcey, in her book *Total Truth*¹, explains why it's been called the "cultural" mandate:

¹ Pearcey, Nancy, *Total Truth*, Crossway Books, Wheaton, Ill, 2005, Page 47-49

The first phrase, 'be fruitful and multiply,' means to develop the social world: build families, churches, schools, cities, governments, laws. The second phrase, 'subdue the earth,' means to harness the natural world: plant crops, build bridges, design computers, and compose music . . . This means that our vocation or professional work is not a second-class activity, something we do just to put food on the table. It is a high calling for which we were originally created . . . Even those who work in 'full-time Christian service' still need to clean the house, take care of kids, and mow the lawn. It is imperative for us to understand that in carrying out these tasks, we are not doing inferior or second-tier work for the Kingdom. Instead we are agents of common grace, doing His work in the world."

9. **God created humans in His image - male & female.** [Genesis 1:27](#)

Explanation

God Himself created the genders of male and female. He made them equal yet distinct just like He, within the Trinity, is equal and distinct.

Contemporary Application

To seek to erase gender distinctions is to seek to mar the glory of God.

10. **God created marriage.** [Genesis 2:24–25](#)

Explanation

The Biblical teaching on this subject teaches us the integrity ([Hebrews 13:4](#)) and the permanence ([Matthew 19:6](#)) of this institution.

Contemporary Application

The most important truth about marriage and the family is that God has chosen that this relationship project and show a human pattern to Christ's relationship to the Church ([Ephesians 5:22-23](#)).

APPLICATION

If we dismiss the Biblical account of creation, we lose:

- a) Knowledge of God who really exists, who has always existed and will live forever, who is totally self-reliant and self-sufficient, and is so powerful He can do whatever He wants.
- b) The reality that males and females are created with equality, distinction, purpose and meaning. Individually we have worth and significance that exceeds the combined value of this world.
- c) The comfort of a God who lovingly and wisely governs this world and all that live within.

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